

**UNAPPROVED - DRAFT**

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
MINUTES OF GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2002  
6603 West Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23230-1712  
Conference Room 1**

**Department of Health Professions**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of the Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order at 8:50 a.m.
- PRESIDING:** Gary E. Taylor, D.D.S., President
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Trudy Levitin, R.D.H., Vice President  
Nora M. French, D.M.D.  
Darryl Lefcoe, D.D.S.  
Michael J. Link, DDS  
Gopal S. Pal, D.D.S.  
Robert Winters, Esquire
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** James D. Watkins, D.D.S., Secretary-Treasurer  
Harold S. Seigel, D.D.S.  
Deborah Southall, R.D.H.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director  
Cheri Emma-Leigh, Operations Manager  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
- QUORUM:** With seven members of the Board present, a quorum was established.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** Several members of the public spoke to the Board about their concerns regarding general anesthesia and conscious sedation.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a properly seconded motion by Dr. Link, the Board moved to approve the Minutes of the General Board Meeting of September 20, 2002, as amended, and the Formal Hearings of September 20, 2002 and November 8, 2002.

**LEGISLATION AND  
REGULATION:**

**Report of Regulatory/Legislative Committee:** Dr. Link gave a report of the November 7, 2002 Regulatory-Legislative Committee meeting, which included fee increases, and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon Regulations. On a properly seconded motion by Dr. Link, the Board unanimously voted 7-0 in favor of the motion to adopt the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon Regulations. On a properly seconded motion by Dr. Link, the Board voted 7-0 in favor to adopt the fee increases.

**Legislative Update:** Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst, discussed some of the highlights of House Bill No. 1441. She stated that this Bill will (1) allow civil penalties to be increased from \$1,000 to \$5,000; (2) allow a licensee to accept a confidential consent agreement in lieu of disciplinary action; (3) require a three-year minimum period for reinstatement after revocation; and (4) give the Director authority to assess a civil penalty and issue summonses.

In addition, the Board reviewed the Virginia Dental Association's legislative proposal on the Selected Drug Laws for Practitioners From the Code of Virginia, § 54.1-3300.1. On a properly seconded motion by Dr. Link, the Board unanimously voted 7-0 to support the proposal with the words "and local" deleted.

**Report on the Dental Workforce Task Force by Review of Unapproved Minutes:** On a properly seconded motion by Dr. Link, the Board voted unanimously to defer this matter until Dr. Watkins and Ms. Southall could be in attendance to make a presentation.

**Regulatory Review – Comment Received:** The Board received and reviewed comments concerning the proposed regulations and noted specific comments from Pediatric Dentists.

**Regulatory Review – Proposed Regulations:** The Board reviewed the proposed regulations and on a properly seconded motion by Dr. Link, the Board unanimously voted 7-0 to approve the proposed regulations with amendments.

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

**SRTA Constitution and Bylaws:** Dr. French reviewed the SRTA corporate documents and requested Board members to respond to her by December 31, 2002.

**Letter from Dr. Petri about Using MD Credentials:** The Board deferred this matter until they meet in January 2003.

**American Academy of Periodontology Statement on Gingival Curettage:** The Board reviewed a letter from Gordon L. Douglass, DDS, The American Academy of Periodontology.

**Letter from Dr. Buzkin, D.D.S., about Licensing Specialist by Examination:** The Board reviewed a letter from Mitchell J. Bukzin, DDS.

**Letter from Ms. Todd, R.D.H., about Allowing Dental Hygienists to Administer Local Anesthesia:** The Board reviewed Ms. Todd's letter and requested Ms. Reen to thank her for her letter.

**Dr. Watkins' Inquiry Regarding General Supervision:** Dr. Watkins requested a response from the Board asking if a dentist can anesthetize a patient or patients and then leave the office so the dental hygienist could provide services to that patient(s) under general supervision. After reviewing Dr. Watkins' memorandum, and on a properly seconded motion by Dr. Link, the Board voted unanimously to state that if a dentist initiates treatment on a patient, then services should proceed under direction.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT**

**Travel Regulations:** Ms. Reen distributed the new travel regulations, which became effective October 1, 2002. Ms. Reen reminded Board members to work with office staff before making any travel arrangements.

**ADA Request for Nominees:** Ms. Reen distributed a memorandum from ADA requesting nominations for Commission on Dental Accreditation Public Member.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at

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12:31 p.m.

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Gary E. Taylor, D.D.S., President

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Date

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Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

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